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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6557

BILL NUMBER: HB 1416

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 12, 2002

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Nursing Scholarship Program.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Budak

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
X DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that \$7 of each registration fee and each renewal licensing fee collected from registered nurses and licensed practical nurses shall be deposited in the Nursing Scholarship Fund.

Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues: *Summary-* As of October 2002, there were over 104,554 licensed registered and practical nurses, compared to over 105,000 the previous year. Based on the \$7 fee for each renewal and assuming each of the active licensees will pay renewal fees next year, the Nursing Scholarship Fund would receive at least \$731,878 this biennium. However, this number does not include new applicants, which would increase the amount to be deposited in the Nursing Scholarship Fund.

Overall, the state General Fund would receive about \$731,878 less in revenue, or the total amount which is distributed to the Nursing Scholarship Fund. The biennial impact of this bill on the state General Fund would be dependent on the number of new licenses applied for and the number that are renewed.

Background- Under current law, there is a Nursing Scholarship Fund operated with appropriations from the state General Fund and gifts directed to the Fund. Under the bill, a third source of revenue for the Nursing Scholarship Fund would be \$7 from the licensing fees charged to registered and licensed practical nurses.

The registration fee for both types of license was \$30, and the biennial renewal fee for both types of licenses

was \$17. The fees for both registration and renewal were increased to \$50 in FY 2002. Revenues for nursing licenses were \$1,474,266 in FY 2000, \$656,008 in FY 2001, and \$3,766,020 in FY 2002.

According to statute, the State Board of Nursing establishes the fees charged for registration and renewal of nursing licenses. The fee revenues received are deposited in the state General Fund, and the expenditures of the State Board of Nursing are appropriated from the General Fund. There are no data to indicate the total expenditures of the Board, however, annual salaries for Health Professions Bureau staff assigned to the State Board of Nursing are approximately \$206,153.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Health Professions Bureau.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Health Professions Bureau, State Staffing Table.

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